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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Benefit and Casualty Division

SUBJECT: Medical Benefits Available to TDY Personnel Overseas

1. This will confirm our previous conversations concerning the medical benefits available to TDY personnel when traveling outside the United States. It is noted that the benefits are no different than those for personnel traveling within the United States.

2. Basically, personnel traveling TDY are covered by the Federal Employees Compensation Act administered by the Bureau of Employees Compensation (BEC) for all cases of injury and those cases of illness where the illness is peculiar to the area. For other illnesses such as appendicitis the individual traveler must rely on his own personal health insurance. It goes without saying that if he does not choose to procure health insurance such illnesses would be items of personal expense.

3. With respect to the medical benefits provided Agency personnel in no assistance may be granted for personnel incurring illnesses such as appendicitis. The benefits provided in section 5 of our Act are limited to personnel assigned to permanent duty stations outside the continental limits of the United States, its territories and possessions.

4. If I may be of further assistance in the work you are doing in this area, please call me.

Assistant General Counsel

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